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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 7 and 8. These sheets replace the original sheets.

Remarks/Arguments:

In response to the various paragraphs of the Office Action, Applicants offer the following remarks.

Drawings

As requested, Applicants have now amended Figs. 7 and 8, as enclosed for the Examiner's approval. No new matter has been added.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 5 and 26 have been rejected as being anticipated by Okamura. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome for the reasons set forth below.

Amended claim 1 now includes features which are not suggested by the cited reference, namely:

- the first and second strip lines are **each shaped in a straight line**,
- (i) are placed **on the same dielectric sheet**,
- (ii) have the **same length and width**,
- (iii) are **placed symmetrically with respect to a center line** between the first and second strip lines, and
- (iv) said first and second strip lines are placed in parallel with each other **through their entire lengths** and separated by a certain distance, and thereby are electromagnetically coupled to each other within the same layer.

Basis for amended claim 1 may be seen, for example, in now cancelled claims 2 and 3. Basis may also be seen, for example, in Fig. 1. As shown, strip lines 113 and 114 are **each shaped in a straight line**, are **placed on the same dielectric sheet**, have **the same length and width**, and are **placed symmetrically with respect to**

a center line between the first and second strip lines. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 1, the first and second strip lines are placed in parallel with each other **through their entire lengths** and are separated by a certain distance. As a result, the first and second strip lines are electromagnetically coupled to each other within the same layer.

Okamura, on the other hand, discloses coil electrodes having a U-shape, which are formed on several different dielectric layers. As shown in Fig. 15 of Okamura, strip lines 130A and 130B are formed on dielectric sheet 128. Strip lines 136A and 136B are formed on dielectric sheet 134. As also shown, these strip lines do not have the same length and are not formed in a straight line. Furthermore, the strip lines are placed in parallel with each other through their entire lengths.

Okamura, therefore, does **not** suggest first and second strip lines which are **each shaped in a straight line**, that are **placed symmetrically with respect to a center line** between the first and second strip lines, and that are **placed in parallel with each other through their entire lengths**. Favorable reconsideration is requested for amended claim 1.

Although not the same, claim 26 has been amended to include features similar to amended claim 1. Favorable reconsideration is requested for amended claim 26.

Claims 2-3 have now been cancelled. Claims 4-5 depend from amended claim 1 and, therefore, are not subject to rejection in view of the cited reference for at least the same reasons set forth for amended claim 1.

Newly Added Claims 29-30

Newly added claim 29 includes original claim 1 in combination with objected-to claim 4. Since objected-to claim 4 includes allowable subject matter, newly added claim 29 is in condition for allowance.

Newly added claim 30 is a combination of original claim 26 and objected-to claim 4. Claim 30 includes the first and second strip lines are **electrically connected by way of via holes to the grounding electrode**. Favorable consideration is requested for newly added claim 30.

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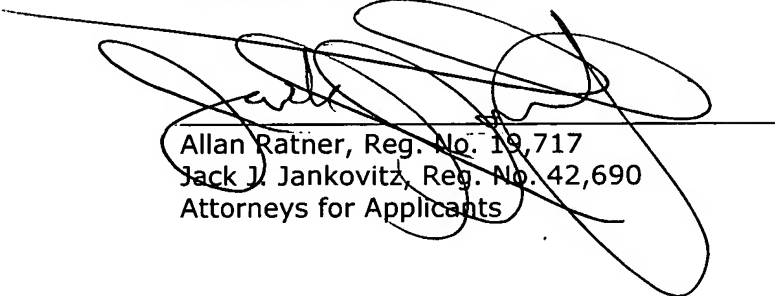
Allowable Claims

Claims 6-20, 22-25, 27 and 28 have been allowed.

Conclusion

Claims 1, 4-20, 22-28 are in condition for allowance. Newly added claims 29 and 30 are also in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Figures 7 and 8

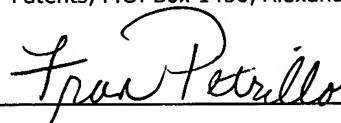
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